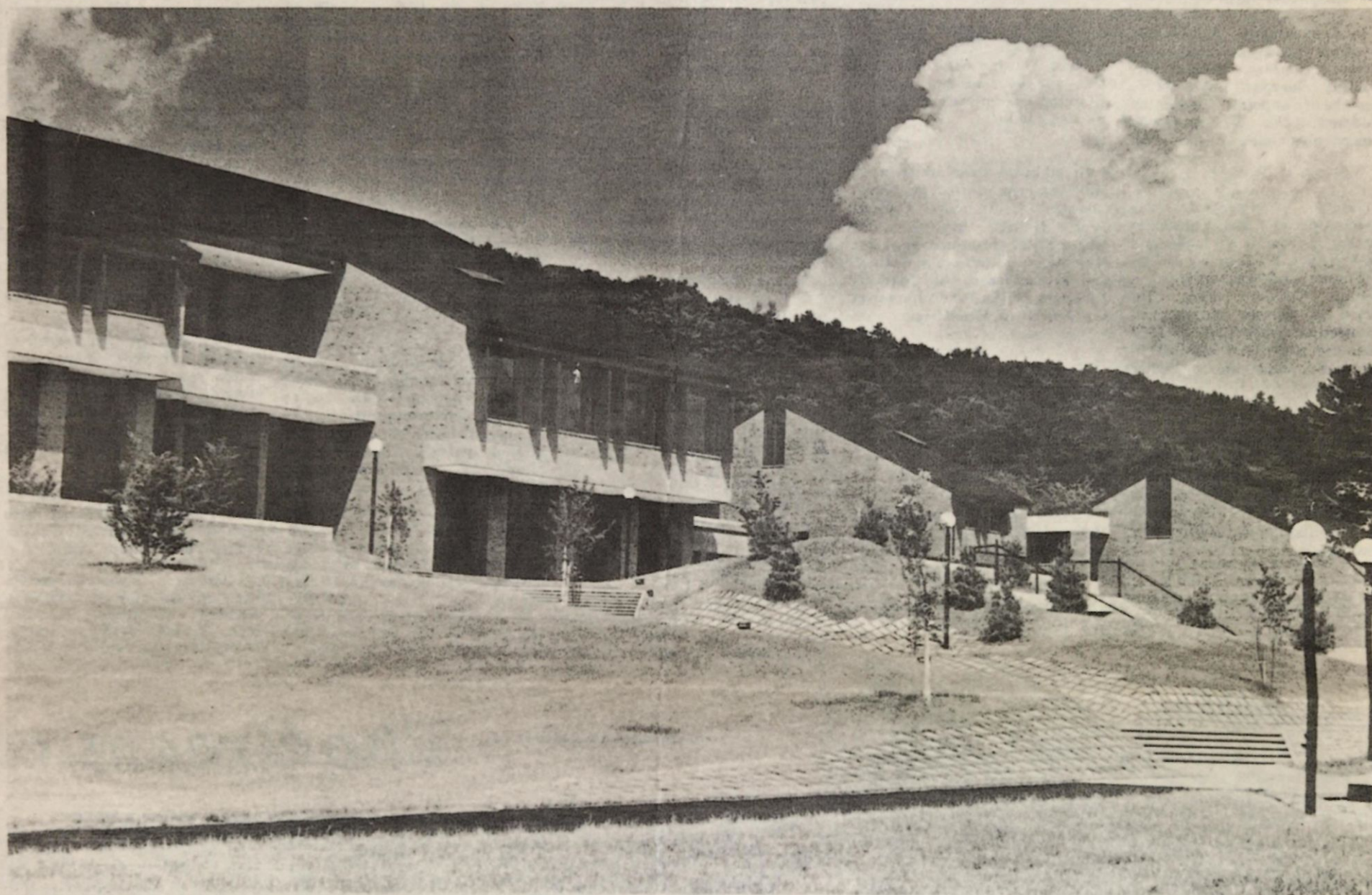


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NEW CAMPUS OPENS SEPT.

Work on the College's new \$16.8 million campus has finally been completed and classes will begin in the Greenfield Meadows facility on September 30. The move to the new campus will begin this summer.

The project got underway in 1966 when the legislature appropriated \$200,000 for planning. The following year Ernest J. Kump Associates was appointed architect. Kump has wide community college design experience.

In 1968 the legislature appropriated \$900,000 for preparing plans and preliminary site development. Attached to this bill was the provision that the total cost of the new campus should not exceed \$12 million. The 84 acre site in Greenfield Meadows was made available by the Town of Greenfield.

The following year \$10.9 million was appropriated for the construction of phase one. This money would provide a facility for 1,500 students. Welsh & Corr received a \$540,108 contract for grading

the site, constructing roads, and installing storm drainage, sewers, water and electric lines. On a wet and windy November 5, 1969, college and town officials gathered under a tent loaned by McCarthy Funeral Home and broke ground.

The contract was awarded to Daniel O'Connell & Sons of Holyoke, the low bidder, for \$11,986,595, bringing the total construction cost ultimately to \$14.7 million. This figure includes planning, architectural fees, preliminary site work — and getting rid of the muck.

Preliminary test borings indicated considerable clay but more was encountered than expected. According to Warren Johansson, chairman of the division of natural sciences at the college, the new campus is located on the site of an ancient glacial lake — officially and geologically known as Glacial Lake Hitchcock. The lake, which had an existence of several thousands of years, disappeared 11,000 to 10,000 years ago. It was created by the melting of glacial ice which

flowed down through the Connecticut River Valley area until it was stopped by a dam made of debris in New Britain, Connecticut. This damming of the glacial flow caused the lake to back up as far as Hanover, N.H. Greenfield Meadows was an arm of this lake and its clay deposit its geologic legacy.

The task of removing the unsuitable site material was given to Osley Construction Company of West Hatfield. In a race against winter, Osley removed 125,000 yards of the clay to depths of 45 feet in some places. According to an article in *New England Construction* "At one time during this operation, to get the needed momentum on the job, Osley's crews were working around the clock on two 10-hour shifts, seven days a week. The Western Massachusetts Electric Company brought in portable light units and illuminated the entire work area for the night shifts. This was done for about two weeks."

With that problem behind them, the O'Connell men started pouring concrete —

13,000 cubic yards of it. The facility has also required 2,000 tons of structural steel and 980,000 bricks.

Since the college had to throw its money for furnishings and equipment into the construction pot, it has asked the legislature for additional funds to furnish, equip, and maintain the building. It is anticipated that these funds will be appropriated soon. It is also asking for additional funds to plan an auditorium, gymnasium, swimming pool and related spaces. These facilities were knocked out of phase one of construction to keep costs in line with appropriated money.

From the road the structure blends in with the lovely Greenfield Meadows landscape. When Ernest J. Kump Associates was hired as the architect, President Lewis O. Turner said that he wanted the building to look as if it had grown out of the land on which it sits.

There are five levels in the

225,000 square feet of floor space in the new building terraced up the side of the hill under which it sits. The building is divided into three major components: a main section housing the library, cafeteria, student activity spaces, and administrative area; the academic program will be centered around student-faculty modules in the north and south academic wings. The spaces are so designed that students will attend most of their classes and have study areas in close proximity to their professors.

The handling of interior spaces is the most prominent design feature. The building is compact but gives the feeling of spaciousness; it is intimate in character but yet open. Interior spaces flow into small exterior courtyards. The building will be electrically climatized throughout.

It will be spring before installation of equipment and furnishings is completed.

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Gainty New Dean

Prof. Clement J. Gainty, associate dean of students at North Country Community College, Saranac Lake, N.Y., has been appointed dean of students at Greenfield Community College.

In 1967 he became associated with Nassau Community College, Garden City, N.Y., and the next year moved to North Country Community College at Saranac Lake.

In addition to administrative and teaching duties at North Country Community College, Prof. Gainty has been a member of the Saranac Lake Narcotics Guidance Council and a member of the Board of Directors of the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Gainty received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from St. Mary's University Seminary in Baltimore and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest. He served in various parishes in Connecticut from 1951 to 1967 when he left the priesthood to pursue a secular life in higher education.

During his service as a priest, Prof. Gainty had administrative responsibilities in several parochial schools and also served as chaplain of the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven.

He and his wife, Mary Kate, have two children, Christopher, 5 1/2, and Denis, 3 1/2. They will be moving to Greenfield in July when Prof. Gainty will assume his new duties here.

Gainty replaces Robert B. Keir who resigned to enter private industry.

GCC State Baseball Champs Two Players On All-District Team

Waltham, Massachusetts was the scene of the best baseball ever played by a community college.

In the semi-finals GCC knocked off Mass. Bay Community 9-4 and eased by Cape Cod Community College 5-1 for the state championship.

GCC's Jack Burke was named the most valuable player along with teammate Gary Pond as runner-up.

Mark Roberts was also the tourney's outstanding pitcher.

Bill Vitello hit a homer and Bob Dame pitched a four-hitter in the first game along with Gary Pond going 3 for 4.

In that second game for the state championship, Mark Roberts pitched a three-hitter for nine innings. Barbuto and Burke had three hits apiece and three R.B.I.

The season started slowly with losses to independent teams like Westfield 20-4 and the UMass Junior Varsity 15-2.

In the Westfield game, errors did GCC in and the lack of pitching hurts them later on. And managed only four runs on seven hits.

The UMass game was more of the same errors and no pitching doomed GCC to defeat. One bright spot was the hitting of Steve Zayach who was 2 for 2.

April 6th GCC started by winning an extra-inning game 5-4 over Vermont Technical, with Bob Barbuto getting the winning hit and pitcher Mark Roberts getting the win.

In the second game against Vermont Technical, GCC won easily 9-5 with fine performances from Jackie Burke, Gary Pond and Rick

Pelc. Also a home run by Steve Zayach.

GCC travelled to Worcester to play Quinsigamond Community College for a share of first place in the Community College Conference.

In that all-important first game the Barons knocked GCC out of first place by the score of 6-2. Roberts, Pond, Porcari and Dame were the heroes.

The second game was quite different as GCC lost 10-7, making too many defensive mistakes, to lose a share of second place. Two throwing errors by a GCC catcher led to five unearned runs.

In that loss, Colligan, Zayach, Pond and Burke made a run for a big inning with four runs, only to fall short by three.

One more independent game against Williams College saw GCC lose by one, 3-2.

This game was very close, having two GCC runners cut down at the plate in the late innings. Pond and Barbuto looked good in this game, doing good jobs both defensively and offensively.

In a doubleheader with Berkshire CC May 11th, GCC won both games, 6-3 and 7-2, to go to 6-2 in community college league play, which is good for second place, and are very close to first-place leader Quinsigamond CC.

Gary Pond continued his torrid hitting, going two for four in the first game and three for four in the second to up his batting average to .421 this season.

And Bob Barbuto had three RBI's to up his total to 18 for the season, tops for the team. Bob Dame went all the way

on the mound to raise his record to 5-1, giving up just five hits.

Mark Roberts came in relief for the second game and received that win for the Barons to keep GCC close to first place.

May 15th GCC made a run for first place and came away short by losing 10-1 in the first game but was victorious in the second game 7-4 and assured itself of a playoff spot with Quinsigamond for a Massachusetts Community College tournament spot.

STCC struck early, with costly errors in the first and second innings. Bob Dame got tagged with the loss but won the second game. He pitched two innings of the first game and worked three and one-third of the second.

Mulcahy was the hero and he was four-for-four, stealing four bases and scored three runs.

Tom Colligan, Barbuto and Steve Zayach were the offensive weapons along with Mulcahy.

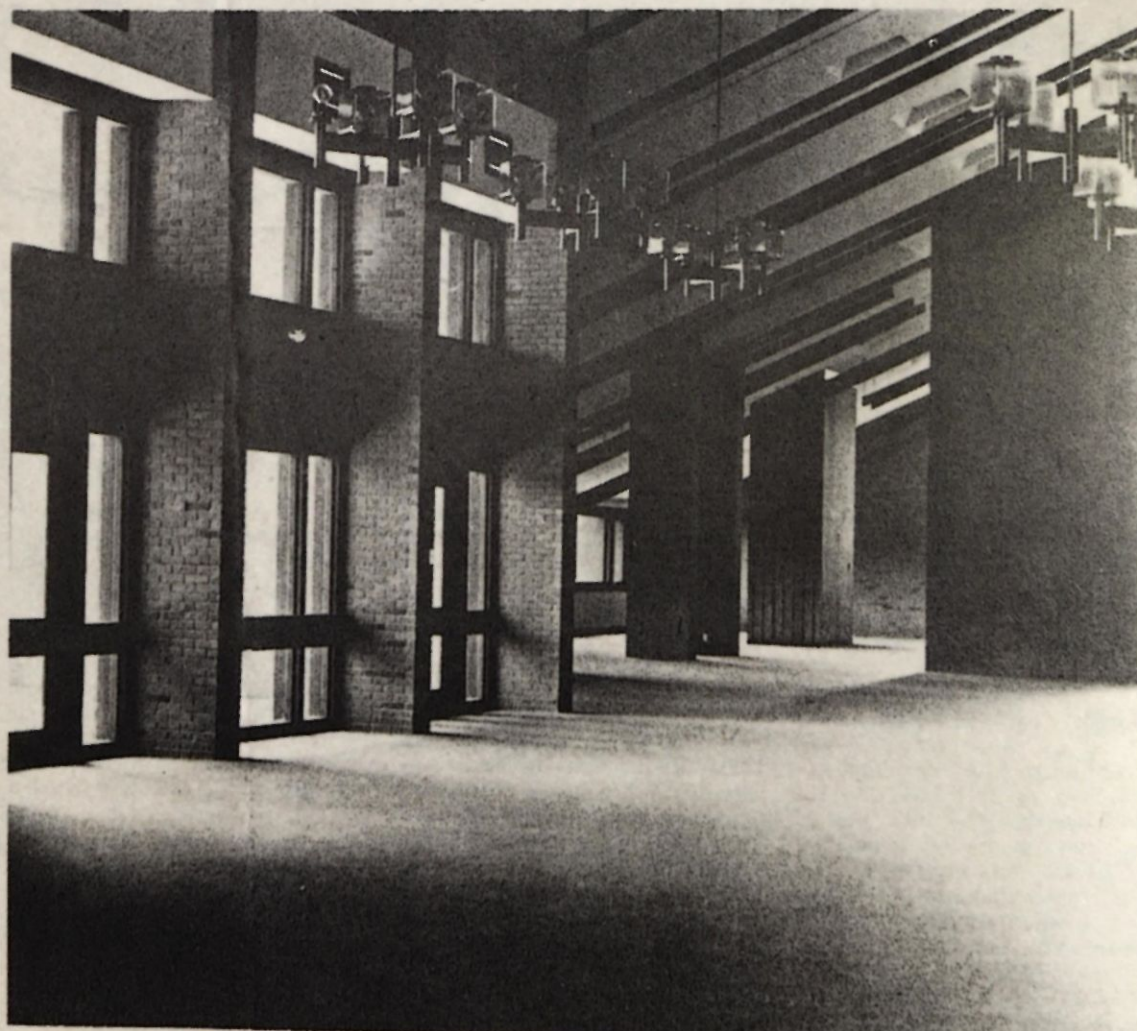
GCC has played excellent baseball all year long and I think some credit should be given to those ball players and coach who have given all their time and hard work to make baseball such a success at GCC.

Two of the team's members, Gary Pond and Bob Dame have been selected to the All-District I Two-Year College Team.

Dame is a former Greenfield High School star and Pond a graduate of Mahar Regional High School. Dame's hurling record this year was 7-2. Pond's batting average was .440.



THE COURTYARD in the South Academic Wing will allow students to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine between classes. There is a similar courtyard in the North Academic Wing. —Forumfoto.



THE LIBRARY has soaring ceilings, a balcony and a sunken periodical room. This space will be filled with the library collection and study spaces. —Forumfoto.

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PROFILE The Older Students

Matthew Arnold described the city of Oxford, England as "whispering from her towers the last enchantments of the Middle Age...Home of lost causes, and forsaken beliefs...and impossible loyalties."

In our youth-oriented culture, where industry is not embarrassed to force early retirement and euthanasia is a trendy topic, the same could be said of middle age for many persons — a time of lost causes, forsaken beliefs, and impossible loyalties.

Middle age has become a time of crisis for many, a time for repotting, as Hugh Downs described his decision to leave the NBC Today Show and take up a new career in mid-life. For those who do not have the vocational options of a Hugh Downs, higher education is often seen as the means of this repotting.

Nancy Pride of West Deerfield is such a person. After graduating from Leicester High School in 1958, she went to work as a secretary. She married John Pride, a veteran of the Marine Corps, eventually quit work, and started a family. The Prides have three boys, 12, 6, and 9.

Marriage and family were not entirely satisfactory to Nancy Pride, however. "I was living my life through soap operas," she says, "and came to realize that I wanted something more."

Nancy says this realization first came to her while reading an advertisement for the

Encyclopedia Britannica. The ad said, "When you stop thinking, you are dead." Nancy had not stopped thinking, but she felt stagnation breathing down her back.

One evening several years ago she attended a meeting at Greenfield Community College. A professor — she's forgotten who — talked about college, about how faculty members are helpers of students rather than intimidators. She became interested in college as an option, as a means of finding a new life-style.

Nancy had felt squelched during her high school years and lacked the confidence to attempt college work. But her friends encouraged her to try it.

She took the admissions route suggested to many persons in similar situations. First she took courses in Summerterm; the next fall she tried PM, the evening division. Thereby she got some experience, built up her self-confidence, and established an academic track record at the college. Finally she enrolled as a part-time student in the day division.

Nancy's biggest problem has been increasing her vocabulary. She works at it constantly, learning the intellectual and technical terms necessary for higher education. The success of her efforts is seen in her 3.8 grade point average. The highest possible GPA is 4.0, so she is not far from the top.

Nancy says her studies have produced little conflict with her home life. Her husband, John,

is the college carpenter at Greenfield Community College and is enrolled part-time in the civil engineering technology program. He has been highly supportive of her efforts to gain a higher education at Greenfield Community College. His pursuit of higher education was causing him to grow, but Nancy was stagnating at home. "Now, she says, "I am more than just a housewife and mother. I am me!"

Nancy feels her studies have also improved her communications with her sons, if only in helping her understand their frustrations with the mysteries of modern math.

Nancy has now completed 38 credit hours and is a sophomore. John is near the completion of his work at Greenfield Community College and has made application to University Without Walls.

The Prides live on a one acre "farm" in West Deerfield. A cow and a newly born calf graze out in the back forty; the oldest boy raises a few chickens; the middle boy is deep into Cub Scouts. With supper out of the way and the farm chores done, the dining room table becomes the scene of action with the whole family at its studies.

Mary Hippauf of Northampton is another who is finding a new life at Greenfield Community College. Fortyish, the mother of three, successfully married, she is a second year student in liberal arts at Greenfield Community College.

After high school — her class will hold its 25th reunion next year — Mary went to work as a stenotypist. She got married, had two children, went back to work, quit, and had another.

But housework does not challenge Mary Hippauf and the koffee klatch circuit leaver her cold. First she started taking evening courses at Berkshire Community College. But she needed some fundamentals. She went back to high school as a post-graduate student. Then she took a job and enrolled evenings at Greenfield Community College.

She got the higher education bug, quit her job and enrolled at Greenfield as a full-time day student. She has been taking a reduced study load and expects to graduate in three rather than the normal two years.

Mary's daughter, Dorina, is also a student at Greenfield Community College and her son, Kurt, has been accepted for next September. Heinz Hippauf plugs away on the home front as chief engineer at Northampton State Hospital.

Because of the special problems middle age students and those who have been out of school for a number of years have in going to college, a special club — the Regeneration Group — has been formed at Greenfield Community College to help ease their re-entry into formal education. The Regeneration Group will act as a support group for the middle age students and those who have

been out of school for a number of years.

Mary Hippauf describes the problems of the middle age student as finding someone to talk with who sees things the same way and finding ways of juggling family life so that both familial and academic responsibilities can be met. According to Mrs. Hippauf, middle age students identify more with the faculty than with other students, but it is difficult for faculty to fraternize with middle age students and maintain the necessary teacher-student relationship.

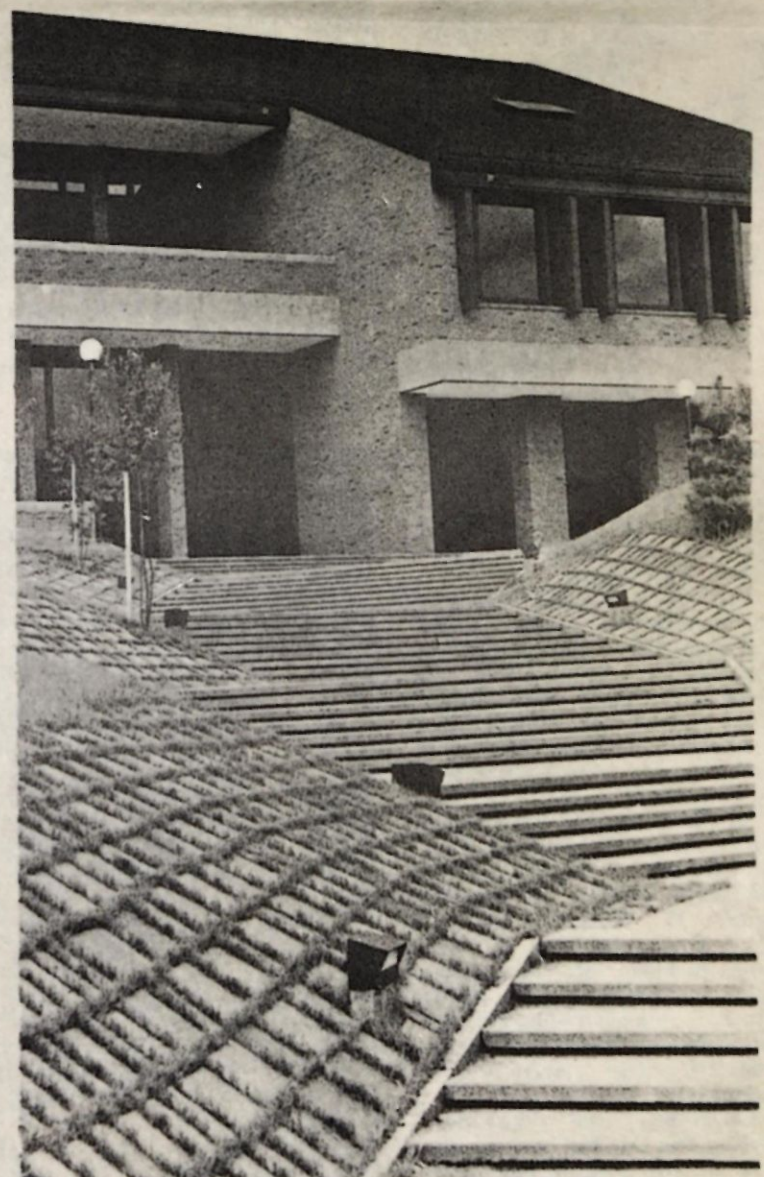
Mary also says she sometimes feels a conflict at neglecting her role as mother and wife in order to meet her own expectations of academic performance. "My whole life is on the line," she says. She confesses to being compulsive about her studies and says that her daughter has a much healthier attitude towards grades than she does.

Ellie Goodman, who has been in on the initial planning of the Regeneration Group, says that such a student organization will meet a need, giving middle age students the opportunity to come together and get a feedback and support for the concerns and joys of being a middle age college student. Ms. Goodman says that the group hopes to have programs geared to the particular needs of the middle age students, especially those dealing with the ramifications within the family of having one of its key members find a new identity.

Meadows Campus



THE VIEW from the library balcony looks southeast toward the parking lots. In the lower right corner of the photo is a patio in front of the core building. —Forumfoto.



THE MAIN ENTRANCE to the new campus features attractive landscaping. The balcony on the second level leads into the library. —Forumfoto.

11th Annual Commencement



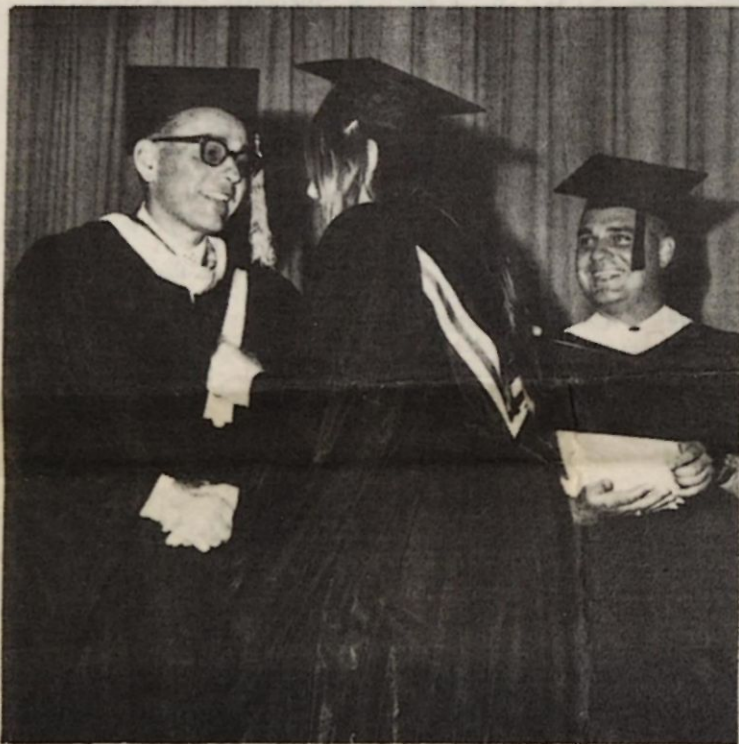
LT. GOV. DONALD DWIGHT delivered the commencement address.
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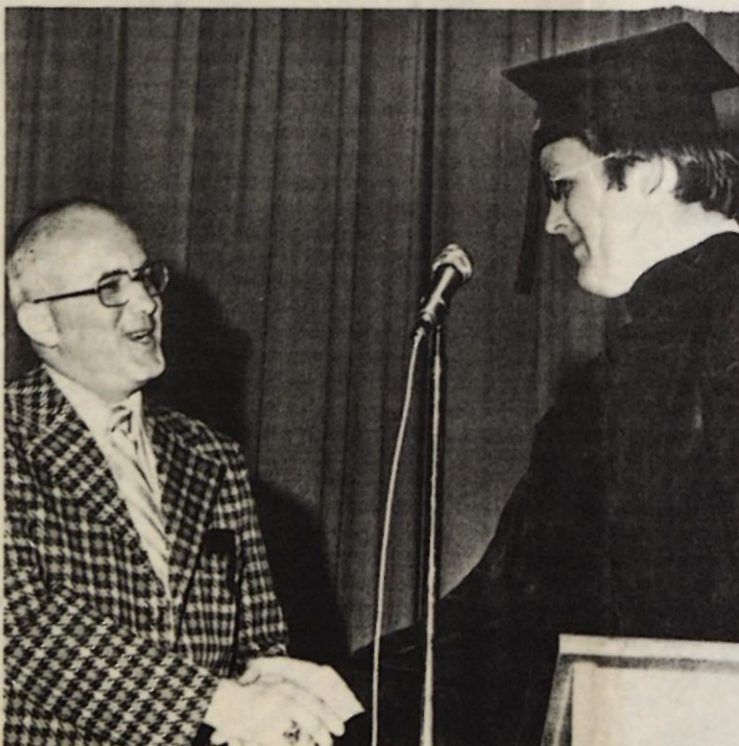
PROF. ROBERT COHEN presents the award for academic excellence to Peter and Helen Rugg. Peter will attend Amherst College next fall. Helen will attend Smith College. —Forumfoto.



CONNIE GRIFFITH was this year's recipient of the Charles C. Greene award for outstanding leadership in co-curricular activities.
—Forumfoto.



PROF. CARLETON STINCHFIELD presents the Associate in Science degree to his daughter, Beth, an environmental science major. —Forumfoto.



ROBERT B. KEIR, former dean of students, received a special award from Tom Lederle. Keir has left the college to enter private industry. —Forumfoto.



MRS. LEWIS O. TURNER represented her ailing husband at the special nurses' pinning banquet at the Sweetheart restaurant. Thirty-seven nursing students received their pins. —Forumfoto.



PROF. DONNA KAPLAN hears nice things said about her as she was honored by students. Prof. Kaplan has resigned from the faculty and will relocate with her husband in the southwest. —Forumfoto.

Three hundred and fifty Greenfield Community College students received associate degrees at the 11th annual commencement held Sunday, June 2 at Greenfield High School auditorium.

Lt. Gov. Donald Dwight, commencement speaker, told the graduates, "The people are thirsting for a country they can be proud of again and, because they have held firmly to American principles, they will soon have it. The change will be refreshing."

In the absence of Dr. Turner, who was hospitalized for observation, tests, and treatment, Dean of Faculty Jacob B. Padgug presided. Mrs. Grace Mayers, a long-time member of the college advisory board and among those responsible for establishing the college, awarded the degrees to graduates.

Following the formal ceremonies, a bar-be-que was held at the Millers Falls Rod and Gun Club under the direction of Tom Foster, coordinator of the recreation leadership program.